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In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/047,454

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For: SCANNING PROBE
MICROSCOPE ASSEMBLY AND
METHOD FOR MAKING
SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC, NEAR-
FIELD, AND SCANNING PROBE
MEASUREMENTS

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 2878

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and
§1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner.

This application is a continuation U.S. Patent Application No. 08/776,361, filed May 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,339,217, issued January 15, 2002, which is a National Phase filing of PCT Patent Application PCT/US95/09553.

PCT Patent Application PCT/US95/09553 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/281,883, filed July 28, 1994, now abandoned.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the cited references can be found in those applications. However, copies will be provided at the Examiner's request.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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